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| THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Adv event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later th ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS 706.07(f).  | risory Action, or (2) the date set forth in th<br>an SIX MONTHS from the mailing date o | f the final rejection.   |  |  |  |  |
| Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The dathave been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extensions 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three moderned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).  | sion and the corresponding amount of the  | fee. The appropriate extension fee under the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in |  |  |  |  |
| 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) ☑ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (c) they are not deemed to place the application i issues for appeal; and/or  | in better form for appeal by mat  | erially reducing or simplifying the  |  |  |  |  |
| (d) \( \square\) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| NOTE: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) allowed:   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) objected to:   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) rejected: 1,5,7-10,12,15,16 and 18-20.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. The proposed drawing correction filed on is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)( PTO-1449) Paper No(s)   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Other:  | Supp  | Peter M. Cuomo   |  |  |  |  |
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Continuation of 2. NOTE: In claim 7, lines 5-7 the phrase" or at a location more forward of where the front side of ht ebackrest is joined to the base upper skin, wherein the chosen location is close enough to the front side of the backrest to allow", raises new issues that will require a new search and/or for consideration. In claim 8, lines 3-4, the phrase "located on the base beside the deflated backrest or on an exposed surface of the deflated backrest.